**GOTA Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

\*Board members, please review prior meeting minutes and add agenda items and your reports for discussion

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| **Attendance** | **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| **Voting Members** |
| President | Kristen Webber | x |  |
| Vice President | Stephanie Johnson | x |  |
| Secretary | Jade Gross | x |  |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Burch | x |  |
| Atlanta Region Chair | Kyle Oatis |  | X |
| Middle GA Region Chair | Betsy McDaniel |  | X |
| East Region Chair | Pam Hartle |  | X |
| South Region Chair | Katie Dixon | **x** |  |
| North Region Chair | Ben Keeling | x |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-Voting Members** |
| Past President | Jennifer Allison | x |  |
| Communication Chair(Newsletter) | Marissa Mirecki |  | X |
| Communication Committee Member | Margaret Corcoran |  | X |
| Membership Chair(Memberclicks, Website) | Kelsey Reeves | x |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Adrianne Smiley |  |  X |
| Membership Committee Member | Laura Barone |  | X |
| Membership Committee Member/Instagram Chair | Alexis Mallis | **x** |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Sarah Mcclure  |  | X |
| Membership Committee MemberFacebook | Jennifer Allison  | x |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Jennifer Boyette | x |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Ruth Bourque |  | X |
| Legislative Chair | Aileen Deogracias | x |  |
| TriAlliance Representative | Nicole Walker Geringer |  | X |
| CEU Approval Chair | Tamara Mills | x |  |
| Education Liaison  | Patty Watford | x |   |
| Research Committee Chair | Laura Carpenter | x |  |
| Research Committee Member |  |  |  |
| OTA Liaison | LaDonna Nash |  | X |
| **Special Liaison: Non-Voting Members** |
| Ethics | Sarah Shirley |   | X |
| Liaison to the GA Licensure Board | M. Irma Alvarado | X |  |
| Nominations & Recognitions | Suzanne Masino | x |  |
| OCCUITY co-chairs | Rebekah Buehler, Frederica Kennedy | xx |  |
| Student Liaison |  |  |  |
| AOTA RA Representative | Helene Smith-Gabai |  | X |
| **Student Representatives** |
| Albany State University | Daniel Walton |  | X |
| Augusta University | Emily Holton |  | X |
| Augusta Tech College | Carol Kadamani | X |  |
| Brenau University | Gainesville- Jessica DanielsNorcross- Lauren Peterson | x-JD | X - LP |
| Chattahoochee Tech College |  |  |  |
| Georgia State University | Amanda Glass | X  |  |
| Middle Georgia State University |  |  |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** |
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| Silent Auction | Margaret Corcoran |  | X |
| Workshop Committee |  |  |  |
| **Additional**  |
| Management Office | Tiffany Wilson | x |  |
| Was a quorum attained (must have 51% of the voting members present to vote) | X |  |
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**Secretary: 1st order of business: Motion to approve Executive Board meeting min. : \_8.16.21\_\_\_\_. Kristen moved to approve the minutes, and Stephanie seconded it. Motion carried. Minutes approved.**

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| **President’s Report** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| Kristen WebberPresident  | Impact of COVID-19Practice, Education, Financial, MembershipLegislative & regulatoryO.C.C.U.I.T.YMembershipSocial Media: Website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTubeWorkshops2021Tri-State OT Workshop (ASAP Collaboration)Documentation2022: OTAValentine’s DayCommunicationNewsletter accessibilityResearch updateMembership spotlight |  |
| **Vice President** |  |  |
| Stephanie Johnson | Review of 3-year strategic planTo expand GOTA’s reach and impact by advocating for and promoting OT’s distinct value to maximize health, well-being, and quality of lifeTo prepare and develop our profession, to inform, to educate, and to activate OT practitioners to be agents of change to foster excellence in practice. To serve as the professional home for connecting, engaging, and inspiring our community to participate actively in advancing our mission and achieving our shared vision To advance the quality and the recognition of OT practice in order to foster widespread adoption of evidence-based approaches that increase access, reduce cost, and improve outcomes across the continuum of care and well-being. We can do so by:Monitoring, reporting, and acting to influence public policy through GOTA’s Political Action Group (PAG) and Volunteerism Considering the required and desired needs of GOTA membership in their practice environments. Practice improvement through standards, quality and evidence initiatives, foster continuing professional development, entry level, and post professional education, and develop leaders within GOTA. Building new organizational capacities within GOTA such as efficient and effective use of GOTA Webpage, social media to focus on and support OT consumers – real or potential, focus on OT practice and GOTA members |  |
| **Treasurer** |
| Elizabeth Burch | Accounting services McMullan CPALobbyist services remain a benchmark to protecting/advancing our profession Increasing membership, website advertising, regional course incomeGOTA continues to look into new avenues for revenue potential to strengthen our financial stability The GAOTA Board of Directors, management office, and its accountant strive to work on a balanced budgetNew for 2022 GOTA will not have a management office2021 Total Income = $30,910.59.Total Membership/Misc Income: $19,760535 Members Total Continuing Ed. Course(s) Approved by GOTA: $2,675T-shirt Sale: $ 400.00Documentation Workshop 8/14/21: $5,00052 attendanceTri-State Workshop Series: 6/26/21: $1,125 17 attendance: 2021 GOTA Conference: TBD120 registeredTotal Expenses = $34,533Includes:Management Office TJW CONSULTANTS = $ 9,000Accountant = $2000Lobbyist = $ 15,200Annual Conference Expense = $TBDMemberclicks=4,227Net Profit for the year: $3,623\*Does not include 2021 GOTA Conference\* |   |
| Secretary |
| Jade Gross | Requesting all members review the following document to ensure updated and accurate information: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing>* [GOTA Board Members Roster](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing)
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| **Region reports** | **Discussion****ALL REGION CHAIRS-PLEASE ADD YOUR REGION REPORT & UPCOMING MEETINGS** | **Action/ Due Date** |
| **Atlanta**Kyle Oatis |  |  |
| **East**Pam Hartle |   |  |
| **Middle** Betsy McDaniel |   |  |
| **South**Katie Dixon |  |  |
| **North**Ben Keeling |  |  |
| **All Region Chairs** | ***Please submit any upcoming meetings/events with dates, locations, and how/who to contact to rsvp for event/meeting- submit to*** ***info@gaota.com*** |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-voting** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Membership Chair** Kelsey Reeves**Alexis Mallis** | 2020-2021 Committee Members Kelsey Reeves (Chair) Lauren GrayLaura Barone Sara McClureAlexis Mallis (Instagram Chair)Jennifer Allison (Facebook Chiar)As of 10/16/2021Total Active Members: 538Initiatives:Increase the Virtual Resources for GOTA members  Increase the retention of student members following Graduation Launched from 2020-2021: Launched the GOTA Instagram 66 Posts 311 FollowsGrew the GOTA youtube channel85 Videos 2.99K Subscribers 1,003,426 Views Hosted a Competitive Membership Drive Up Next: Partnering with Communication Committee to improve accessibility of GOTA’s online resources Increase resources for OTA members  |  |
| **Communication Chair**Marissa Mirecki | Committee Members:Marissa Mirecki, ChairMargaret CorcoranAlma AdamsLaTricia Williams2020-21 Business:Increased accessibility of newsletter to screen readersCollaboration with Regulatory and Reimbursement and AOTA RA Representative to disseminate practice advisoriesUpcoming InitiativesAccessibility style guide in collaboration with Membership CommitteeAddition of community-based resources section to GOTA quarterly newsletterAdjusted schedule of quarterly newsletters to accommodate conference notices |  |
| **CEU Approval Chair**Tamara Mills |  |  |
| **Conference Co-Chairs**Jennifer BoyetteRuth Bourque |  |  |
| **Legislative Chair**Aileen Deogracias | LEGISLATIVE ISSUESHB 268 OT Compact - PASSEDHB 412 (Dempsey) Applied Behavioral Analysts - PROGRESSINGHB 267 : Athletic Trainers (LaHood) - PROGRESSINGPOLICY ISSUESMedicaid Children’s Intervention ServicesProvider Issues (global denial errors, provider loading, secondary claims, communication with payer)MPPRPotential Legislation for 2022· Pursuing a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase and of what type (i.e. “across” the board” or certain codes· Legislation to prohibit MPPR· Legislation requiring more (or real) oversight of the Medicaid program, especially the CMOs OT PAG |  |
| **TriAlliance Representative**Nicole Walker Geringer |  |  |
| **Education Liaison**Patty Watford |  |  |
| **Research Committee Chair**Laura Carpenter | Changes made to the process for approving research and posting it to the GOTA social media sites based on member feedbackFirst post to social media free to membersMust provide documentation of approval by an institutional review board (IRB)On GOTA website, go to Resources>>Research>>scroll to bottom and click link “Research Projects” |  |
| **GOTA Advisory Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Occupational Therapy** | Current Committee members:Rebekah Buehler, co-chairpersonFrederica Kennedy, co-chairpersonJennifer AllisonAdrianne SmileyKristen WebberBarb SchellSarah ShirleyKyle OtisBryan CleverObjectives completed:Standing committee (early 2021)Committee SOP/strategic planinitiate collaborative roleDeliverables:9/30/21: Hosted free CE virtual event for OT community- Dr. Cindy Clough (CE)10/16/21: GOTA conference sessionFuture Directions 2022:Recruit OT/OTA student membersContinue to support to GOTA committeesPlan 2 deliverables for 2022 |  |
| **OTA Liaison**LaDonna Nash |  |  |
| **Special Liaison** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **GA Rep to the AOTA RA**Helene Smith-Gabai | AOTA RA Fall 2021 meeting is scheduled for the beginning of November. There are 8 Motions and 2 Requests for Action up for a vote:MotionsPosition papers on gender identity and sexual orientationCrosswalk analysis on community violenceMoving the definition of OT practice for state regulation to a Scope of Practice document (from the policy manual)Position paper on dry needlingRevision of AOTA 2021 Standards for Continuing CompetencePolicy on safe patient handling and mobilityBriefing paper on OT/OTA collaborationPosition statement and e-policy on OT’s role in sustainability & climate changeRequests for Action Position paper on role of OT in eating disordersOT’s ability to perform swallowing evaluations in the State of CAAOTA’s Virtual Hill DayOffices of Senators Warnock, Senator Ossoff and Congresswoman McBath were contacted to advocate for their support for theExpanded Telehealth Access ActAllied Health Workforce Diversity ActReduce upcoming 15% reimbursement differential for OTAs under Medicare Part BDetails to be provided in next GOTA newsletter! |  |
| **Recognitions & Nominations**Suzanne Masino | OT Student of the Year: Britta FerrierLinda Stephens Scholarship: Haley FranklinOccupational Therapy Supporter of the Year: Occupational Therapy Practitioner of the Year: Barbara E. Grant Award: Aileen O. Deogracias |  |
| **Ethics**Sarah Shirley |  |  |
| **Licensure Board Liaison**M. Irma Alvarado | M. Irma Alvarado, Georgia OT Licensure Updates to be discussed Sunday, 11:20-12:20pm, Session 12.A |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees**  | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Silent Auction**Margaret Corcoran |  |  |
| **Workshop Committee** |  |  |
| **OTA Initiative**M. Irma Alvarado |  |  |
| **Student Representatives** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| \*Albany State University\*Augusta University\*Augusta Tech College\*Brenau University\*Chattahoochee Tech College\*Georgia State University\*Middle Georgia State University |  |  |
| **New Business** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
|  | New Executive Board Positions:Vice PresidentRegion Chairs:EastNorthSouthMiddleAtlantaAppointmentsConference ChairKay Graham:Link to sign up for home assessment across the state: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jkk8YIDe5FfoAgBXnIswuDiee8ptqk0Gw30kn34uAIw/edit?usp=sharing |  |
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Kristen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:29PM\_.